



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen
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BOS Open
Session Minutes of
December 15, 2020

Chairman:
Michael P. O'Loughlin
Vice Chairman:
Kara L. Nyman
Selectmen:
Larry J. Ryan
Michael P. Mullen, Jr.
Rich Penney

TOWN CLERK, ROCKLAND,

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JOINT MEETING WITH PLANNING BOARD (MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION)
Tuesday December 15, 2020@ 7:00 p.m.
REMOTE TELECONFERENCE

Via Zoom: Chairman Mike O'Loughlin, Vice Chairman Kara Nyman, Members Larry Ryan, Mike Mullen, Rich Penney, Town Administrator Doug Lapp, Asst. Town Administrator Jen Constable, Town Accountant Elizabeth Zaleski, Park Commissioner Joe Reis, Park Superintendent Peter Ewell and Members of the Planning Board

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements –

- Rockland Healthcare Worker – Matthew Ryan
- Impending 12/16 snowstorm preparations – may close Town buildings
- Board of Health announced one day trash delay due to storm

3. Minutes – Open Session Minutes of December 1, 2020

MOTION to approve Open Session Minutes of December 1, 2020 by Mr. Mullen, 2nd by Mr. Ryan. Roll Call Vote, 4-1, Ms. Nyman abstained.

4. New Business

-Highway Superintendent Snow & Ice Stipend – recommendation to follow the guidelines of previous years.

MOTION to approve the Snow & Ice Stipend for Highway Superintendent Dave Taylor by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Mullen. Roll Call Vote.

Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated –

-Mr. O'Loughlin recently toured the Rail Trail with Park Superintendent Ewell, Park Commissioner Reis, Police Chief Llewellyn and Deputy Chief Eramo to view the amount of debris that has been dumped. Mr. Reis gave an overview of the work it takes to keep the trail cleaned, with Mr. Ewell and his crew cleaning the trail twice a week. The Town is asking for the residents help to keep the trail clean.

5. Old Business-

- 2021 License Renewals –

MOTION to approve the 2021 License Renewals as presented, pending all obligations have been met, by Mr. Mullen, 2nd by Mr. Penney. Roll Call Vote.

-FY22 Budget – Mr. Lapp gave an update of the FY22 preliminary budget projections currently being worked on with Ms. Zaleski and the Finance Team. They will continue to look at the revenue estimates and information from the State. Mr. O’Loughlin thanked Mr. Lapp and the Finance Team.

-COVID-19 Update – Mr. Lapp provided the current numbers of COVID cases as the Town continues to follow State guidelines.

-320 Concord Street Auction Update- Mr. Lapp provided property information on 320 Concord Street and gave the details of the auction that was held on December 8th, with a winning bid of \$39,000. He was very pleased with the auctioneers and thanked Treasurer Ellard.

Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

4.New Business (cont’d)-

-Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) Master Plan Presentation -Ms. Constable introduced MAPC Principal Planner/Project Manager - Carlos Montanez and thanked the Town’s Master Plan Advisory Committee Members. Planning Board Chairman Corbet called the Planning Board meeting to order with their quorum being met. Mr. Montanez presented a Power Point final draft of the “Rockland Masterplan 2030”. The Master Plan was developed based on feedback from advisory committee meetings, community workshops, extensive online surveys and feedback from Town staff. The Board of Selectmen and Planning Board members made brief comments and thanked Mr. Montanez for the presentation.

MOTION from the Planning Board to adopt the Master Plan, as presented, by Mr. Valanzola, 2nd by Mr. Lucas. Roll Call Vote.

MOTION to adjourn the Planning Board meeting by Mr. Valanzola, 2nd by Mr. Hoblitzelle. Roll Call Vote.

6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you to Ms. Constable and the Master Plan Advisory Committee.
- Fire Department assisted Hingham in a large fire – great job.
- Bid opening for the Library Windows Project received several applicants which will be reviewed before executing a contract.
- New Town Website should be up and running by end of the month – Thank you to the IT Director.
- Mr. Taylor, Ms. Constable and I attended a Zoom meeting with the State regarding the Mass Works Grant process; the State provided helpful information for future grant submissions.
- HR Ms. Callahan, Ms. Constable and I are working with the Sewer Commissioners in the hiring of a new Sewer Superintendent

7. SELECTMAN’S COMMENTS

Ms. Nyman- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Mr. Ryan- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
-Stay safe

Mr. Mullen- Announced he will not be seeking re-election in April 2021
-Thanked the Board for the years working together

Mr. Penney -Thanked Mr. Mullen and said he will be missed come April

- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
- Stay safe

Mr. O'Loughlin -Thanked Home Depot for the Town Hall tree donation
-Thanked Mr. Mullen for his hard work and friendship

MOTION to enter into Executive Session for:

Purpose No. 6 – To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property –
Board of Selectmen, Open Space Committee, Community Preservation Act Committee &
Parks Commission:

- Assessing Map 51, Lot 56 & Lot 68
- Discussion of other potential open space acquisitions

Purpose No. 3 – Litigation Strategy, Craig Erickson v. Rockland Fire Department
Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel/Insurance Counsel

Review and approve minutes from October 6, 2020

by Mr. Mullen, 2nd by Mr. Penney, Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.



Minutes by Susan Ide, Executive Assistant

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Open Session Minutes approved by the BOS on 1/5/21